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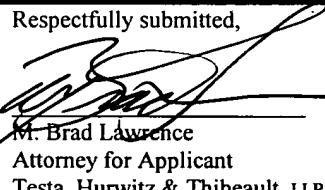
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is/are:

1. Transmittal Form (1 page);
2. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
3. PTO Form 1449 (2 page);
4. Copies of References B1-B4; and
5. a return-receipt postcard.



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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office's partial waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

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- (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
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the requisite Statement is below, **AND**

the requisite petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00** is included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

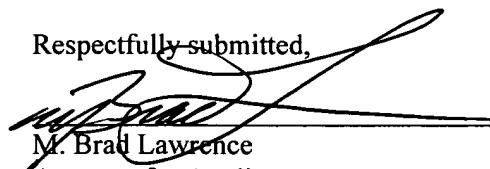
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	A44	4,511,886	04/16/85	Rodriguez	340	534	10/06/83
	A45	5,317,394	05/31/94	Hale et al.	348	208	04/30/92
	A46	5,699,444	12/16/97	Palm	382	106	03/31/95
	A47	5,729,471	03/17/98	Jain et al.	364	514	03/31/95
	A48	6,002,995	12/14/99	Suzuki et al.	702	188	12/16/96
	A49	6,185,314	02/06/01	Crabtree et al.	382	103	02/06/98
	A50	6,188,777	02/13/01	Darrell et al.	382	103	06/22/98

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	B3	8011071	01/16/96	JP	B25J	3/00		Y	Y
	B4	97/04428	02/06/97	WO	G08B	13/196	07/22/96	N	Y

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